

# House cleaning



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Trish Starbuck, Colby Grade School art teacher, readied her classroom Tuesday in preparation for parent-teacher conferences. Conferences resume Thursday. School will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. Thursday and there will be no classes Friday for a staff development day.

# Senators asked to extend incentive for school consolidation

TOPEKA (AP) — Superintendents from four north-central Kansas school districts urged senators Tuesday to continue financial incentives for local schools to consolidate with neighbors.

The incentive is designed to allow two merging districts to receive the same state aid they would have received had they remained separate districts. Legislators first approved it in 2002 but the state isn't promising the extra dollars past the 2007-08 school year. A bill before the Senate Education Committee would add another year of the incentive.

Superintendents said the bill helps districts faced with declining enrollments make the tough choice to merge operations and still provide a quality education.

"Consolidation should be a governmental activity that creates winners in the process and not taxpayers that are penalized with added financial burdens," said Don Wells, superintendent of Haddam and Cuba. Wells said the bill would allow the districts to merge and not penalize taxpayers through a decrease in state aid. Lower state aid means the difference in revenues would have to come from higher property taxes or program cuts.

Legislators took no action on the bill Tuesday, but are expected to debate it in the coming weeks.

Sen. John Vratil, R-Leawood, said a deadline for the financial incentives is important. Otherwise, districts could put off the decision to consolidate for years at the expense of taxpayers and educational quality. Vratil also cautioned senators to think carefully before expanding the incentives to cover state payments for bond issues approved before the merger.

Some senators suggested a law to

require only those taxpayers who originally approved a bond issue to continue paying the bill without raising taxes for the entire new district.

Haddam's school board has approved merging with neighboring Washington, while Cuba wants to merge with Belleville. The four districts represent about 1,000 students and more than 900 square miles along the Kansas-Nebraska border. Each district has seen precipitous declines in enrollment over the past decade.

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### WEEKDAYS FEBRUARY 7 - FEBRUARY 13

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America				Martha		The View	Millionaire	News	
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly	Paid Program	Paid Program	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News Cont'd		News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right	The Young and the Restless		
K15CG (2)	BBC World	Body Electric	Caillou	Mister Rogers	Beren. Bears	Cliff Pup	Big Big World	Dragon Tales	Sesame Street	Teletubies	Barney-Friends	
ESPN (28)	Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter	NFL Live	Varied	
USA (37)	Walker, Texas Ranger		JAG		The District		Nash Bridges		Nash Bridges	Coach	Varied	
TBS (38)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Dawson's Creek		Movie			Becker	Becker	
WGN (39)	Changing Days	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbilities	Hillbilities	Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.	
TNT (40)	Angel		Charmed		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	American Chopper		American Chopper		Varied Programs			
A&E (47)	Classroom		Varied Programs						City Confidential		American Justice	
HIST (48)	Varied Programs											
NICK (55)	Oddparents	Oddparents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	Backyardigans	Dora the Explorer	Lazy-Town	Max & Ruby	Dora the Explorer
DISN (56)	Breakfast Bear	Higglytown	Einsteins	JoJo's Circus	DoodleBops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Koala Brothers	Rolie Polie	DoodleBops	Charlie & Lola	Rolie Polie
FAM (58)	Kong-Series	Spider-Man	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	The 700 Club		Living the Life	Gilmore Girls	Step by Step	Full House	Full House	
HALL (60)	New Morning		The Waltons		The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Diagnosis Murder	

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30			
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Judge-Brown	Judge-Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wild News			
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Insider	Jeopardy!	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		News	NBC News			
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News			
K15CG (2)	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs			Clifford-Red	Cyber-chase	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Post-cards	Zoom	Business			
ESPN (28)	Varied Programs				1st and 10	NFL Live	Rome-Burning	Around the Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter					
USA (37)	Movie Cont'd		Varied Programs												
TBS (38)	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld			
WGN (39)	News		Magnum, P.I.		Da Vinci's Inquest		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Moesha	Moesha	Home Improve.	Home Improve.			
TNT (40)	Judging Amy		NYPD Blue		Law & Order		Law & Order		Charmed		Charmed				
DSC (42)	Varied Programs		The New Detectives		The FBI Files		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		It Takes a Thief		Cash Cab	Cash Cab			
A&E (47)	Cold Case Files		Varied Programs												
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels		Varied Programs												
NICK (55)	Go Go	Lazy-Town	Rugrats	Varied Programs				6teen	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Avatar-Last Air	Avatar-Last Air			
DISN (56)	Higglytown	JoJo's Circus	Lilo & Stitch	Whiskers	Varied Programs							Kim Possible	That's-Raven	Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody
FAM (58)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Ground-Life	Ground-Life	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven				
HALL (60)	Matlock		Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Family Ties	Family Ties	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H			

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Dancing With the Stars (Live) (CC)		Crumbs (N) (CC)		Primetime (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Will & Grace	Four Kings	Name Is Earl	The Office	ER Quintessence of Dust (N) (CC)		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Survivor: Panama - Exile Island (ITV)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N)		Without a Trace The Stranger (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Sun-flower	In Our Prime		The This Old House Hour (CC)		Antiques Roadshow (CC)		BBC World	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN (28)	College Basketball: Michigan. (Live) (CC)	Ohio State at			College Basketball: West Virginia at Pittsburgh. (Live) (CC)				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	NFL Live (N) (CC)	Game-night	
USA (37)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Movie: Mission: Impossible **½ (1996, Adventure) A bruised mission puts a spy on the run from his employers. Tom Cruise.				Law & Order: Criminal Intent			
TBS (38)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Dumb & Dumber ** (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels. (CC)		Movie: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls ** (1995, Comedy) Jim Carrey. (CC)					
WGN (39)	Home Videos	Movie: The Silence of the Lambs **** (1991) A mad genius helps an FBI trainee pursue a serial killer.			WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker	Becker	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		
TNT (40)	NBA All-Star Special 2 (Live)	NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Dallas Mavericks. American Airlines Center. (Live) (CC)			NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Sacramento Kings. ARCO Arena. (Live) (CC)							
DSC (42)	Top Gear Ferrari's F60. (CC)	Top Gear Ford GT; Dodge Charger.			Top Gear (N)		Top Gear Lamborghini. (CC)		Top Gear Aston Martin Vanquish S.		Top Gear Ford GT; Dodge Charger.	
A&E (47)	Fatal Fathers (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		Dallas SWAT (N) (CC)		Crossing Jordan Out of Sight (CC)		The First 48 (CC)	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Bricks (CC)		Ancient Discoveries		Decoding the Past Jesus' return. (CC)		Declassified (N) (CC)		Battlefield Detectives (CC)		Ancient Discoveries	
NICK (55)	Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Romeo! (CC)	Full House	Fresh Prince	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
DISN (56)	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Movie: 102 Dalmatians (2000) Cruella De Vil has designs on another puppy-skin coat.		The Emper-	Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible		
FAM (58)	Smallville Resurrection (CC)		Movie: Under the Tuscan Sun *** (2003, Romance) Diane Lane. (CC)		Whose Line? (CC)	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos		
HALL (60)	JAG Mixed Messages (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Movie: Love's Enduring Promise (2004, Drama) Katherine Heigl, Dale Midkiff. (CC)				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Dancing With the Stars The Results		In Justice Cost of Freedom (N) (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live Travis Stork. (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	XX Olympic Winter Games: Opening Ceremony. Turin, Italy. (CC)								News	Tonight Show
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Ghost Whisperer Lost Boys (CC)		Close to Home (CC)		NUMB3RS Obsession (ITV)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Wash. Week	Kansas Week		Market	Kansas Legislature (Live)	America's Hr! (CC)		BBC World	Red Green	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN (28)	Sports-Center	NBA	NBA Basketball: San Antonio Spurs at New Jersey Nets. Continental Airlines Arena. (Live) (CC)				NBA Basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (Live) (CC)					
USA (37)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Law & Order: SVU		Monk (CC)		House The Socratic Method (CC)		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS (38)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: The Mask *** (1994, Comedy) An ancient mask animates drab bank clerk.		Movie: The Cable Guy **½ (1996, Comedy) Jim Carrey. (CC)					
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: Mimic ** (1997) A deadly new breed of insect wreaks havoc on New York.		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker	Becker	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		
TNT (40)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)		Movie: U.S. Marshals ** (1998) Sam Gerard gets caught up in another fugitive case. Tommy Lee Jones.		Movie: U.S. Marshals ** (1998) Sam Gerard gets caught up in another fugitive case. Tommy Lee Jones.		Movie: U.S. Marshals ** (1998) Sam Gerard gets caught up in another fugitive case. Tommy Lee Jones.					
DSC (42)	Going Tribal The customs of the Adis.		Going Tribal Living With Carnibals (CC)		Going Tribal African Vision Quest (CC)		Going Tribal (CC)		Going Tribal Horse Masters of Sibth (CC)		Going Tribal Living With Carnibals (CC)	
A&E (47)	American Justice Murder by Mercedes		Movie: Batman Returns **½ (1992) The Catwoman and the Penguin join forces against Batman.		Criss Angel		American Justice Thrill Killers (CC)		Movie: Batman Returns (1992) (CC)			
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels The Lumberyard		D-Day: The Lost Evidence Pilots create an unprecedented record. (CC)		Pacific: The Lost Evidence (CC)		Pacific: The Lost Evidence (CC)		Pacific: The Lost Evidence (CC)		D-Day: The Lost Evidence (CC)	
NICK (55)	SpongeBob	Cats-catch	Avatar-Last Air (N) (CC)		Danny Phantom	Danny Phantom	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Roseanne	Roseanne
DISN (56)	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Movie: Mulan II **½ (2004, Adventure) Voices of Ming-Na.		Whiskers	Phil of Future	Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible	
FAM (58)	Smallville Crisis (CC)		Movie: The Parent Trap *** (1998, Comedy) Reunited twin girls try to get their parents back together. Lindsay Lohan. (CC)				The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos		
HALL (60)	JAG Redemption (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Movie: Love's Long Journey (2005, Drama) Erin Cottrell. (CC)				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)

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